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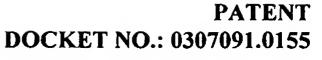
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the February 28, 2005, Office Action, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-90, drawn to OBD (On Board Diagnosis of vehicles). The election is made with traverse.

In the Office Action, the claims are subject to restriction to Group I, claims 1-90, drawn to On Board Diagnosis of vehicles, and Group II, claims 91-97, drawn to a Graphical User Interface. The Examiner indicates that the inventions of Groups I and II are unrelated in that they have different modes of operation, different functions and different effects. Additionally, the Examiner states that the search required for Group I is not required for Group II.

Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of Groups I and II are related, and share similar modes of operation, functions and effects. Additionally, applicants submit that the inventions of Group I and Group II are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims.